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26 September 2019

Mr. Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight
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Washington, DC 20005

Reference: F-2019-01456

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is further to our letter dated 23 April 2019, and is also a final response concerning your 18 April 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, for the following:

1. All records reflecting communications (including email messages, email attachments, text messages, calendar entries, or any other records reflecting communications) between (1) the CIA and (2) the business interests, private security organizations or individuals listed below:
 - i. Erik Prince
 - ii. Jonathan Garfield, Frontier spokesman
 - iii. Marc Cohen, Frontier spokesman
 - iv. Frontier Services Group (@fsgroup.com)
 - v. Frontier Resources Group
 - vi. Academi (@academi.com)
 - vii. Constellis (@constellis.com)
 - viii. Blackwater
 - ix. Xe Services
 - x. Amyntor Group (@amyntorgroup.net)
 - xi. John Maguire
 - xii. Raymond Granger
 - xiii. Oliver North
 - xiv. Stephen Feinberg
 - xv. Lou Bremer
 - xvi. Cerberus Capital (@cerberus.com)
 - xvii. Dyncorp (@dyn-intl.com)

American Oversight requests that the search include at a minimum the following individuals and offices:

- i. Immediate Office of former Director Mike Pompeo, including the Director, anyone serving as a Chief of Staff or scheduling assistant to the former Director, and former Chief of Protocol Toni Porter.
 - ii. Immediate Office of Director Gina Haspel, including the Director, anyone serving as a Chief of Staff or scheduling assistant to the Director.
2. All records reflecting communications (including email messages, email attachments, text messages, calendar entries, or any other records reflecting communications) regarding the use of private security or military, such as that provided by (1) Erik Prince and affiliated businesses (Frontier Services Group, Academi, Constellis, Xe Services, Blackwater), (2) John Maguire and affiliated businesses (Amyntor Group), (3) Oliver North, or (4) Stephen Feinberg and affiliated businesses (Cerberus, DynCorp).

American Oversight requests that the search to include at a minimum the following individuals and offices:

- i. Immediate Office of former Director Mike Pompeo, including the Director, anyone serving as a Chief of Staff or scheduling assistant to the former Director, and former Chief of Protocol Toni Porter.
 - ii. Immediate Office of Director Gina Haspel, including the Director, anyone serving as a Chief of Staff or scheduling assistant to the Director.
3. All records reflecting communications (including email messages, email attachments, text messages, calendar entries, or any other records reflecting communications) by the Office of Public Affairs regarding how to respond to press inquiries about the use of private security or military, such as that provided by (1) Erik Prince and affiliated businesses (Frontier Services Group, Academi, Constellis, Xe Services, Blackwater), (2) John Maguire and affiliated businesses (Amyntor Group), (3) Oliver North, or (4) Stephen Feinberg and affiliated businesses (Cerberus, DynCorp).

Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017 through the date the search is conducted.

American Oversight requests CIA limit its search to unclassified communications channels, including unclassified email accounts, calendars, and phones, or readouts of unclassified calls with press.

4. In addition to the records requested above, American Oversight also requests records describing the processing of this request.

We processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended.

In regards to Items 1-3, we have completed a thorough review of your request and have determined in accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact

of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

In regards to Item 4, the FOIA allows members of the public to request access to specific agency records that are in existence at the time of the request. The FOIA does not require federal agencies to answer questions or to create records at the time of the request in order to respond to a FOIA request. Therefore, we decline to process this part of your request.

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact us at:

Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505
Information and Privacy Coordinator
703-613-3007 (Fax)

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may reach CIA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

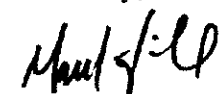
703-613-1287 (FOIA Hotline)

The contact information for OGIS is:

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Contacting the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,



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